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**TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES  
DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)  
CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371**

(ENTRY INTO U.S. NATIONAL PHASE UNDER CHAPTER II)

International Application No. : PCT/GB97/02705  
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Priority Date Claimed : GB 9620752.7  
Filed 04 October 1996  
Title of Invention : PRODUCTION OF POROUS ARTICLES  
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Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Attention: EO/US

Sir:

Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:

1. This is a **FIRST** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
2. This express request to immediately begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)).
3. A proper Demand for International Preliminary Examination was made by the 19th month from the earliest claimed priority date.

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4. A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C 371(c)(2)) has been transmitted by the International Bureau. A copy of the international application as published under International Publication No. WO 98/15505 is enclosed.
  5. Written Opinion dated August 6, 1998, and Response thereto, dated December 15, 1998.
  6. Notification Concerning Informal Communication with the Applicant dated December 12, 1998
  7. Preliminary Examination Report dated February 15, 1999.
  8. A FIRST preliminary amendment.
  9. Abstract.
  10. Information Disclosure Statement, PTO Form 1449 and copies of references cited therein.

The Declaration and Assignment will follow at a later date.

11. The following fees are submitted:

**BASIC NATIONAL FEE (37 CFR 1.492(1)(1)-(5):**

| Claims Fee       | For   | Number<br>Filed | Number<br>Extra | Rate | Calculation   |
|------------------|---|-----------------|-----------------|------|---------------|
|                  | Total<br>Claims   | 10              | 0               | x 18 | \$            |
|                  | Independent<br>Claims   | 1               | 0               | x 78 |               |
|                  | Multiple Dependent Claims   |                 |                 | x260 |               |
| <b>Basic Fee</b> | U.S. PTO was not International Preliminary Examination Authority. Search report on the international application was prepared by the European Patent Office |                 |                 |      | \$ 970        |
|                  | Total of above Calculations   |                 |                 |      | \$ 970        |
|                  | Reduction by ½ for filing by small entity   |                 |                 |      | \$            |
|                  | Subtotal  |                 |                 |      | \$            |
|                  | <b>TOTAL NATIONAL FEE</b>   |                 |                 |      | <b>\$ 970</b> |

Please charge counsel's account no. 03-0075 in the amount of \$970, or any additional amount which may be required, to cover the above fees. A duplicate copy of the calculation sheet is enclosed.

## AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE ADDITIONAL FEES

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the following additional fees which may be required by this paper and during the entire pendency of this application to counsel's deposit account no. 03-0075:

1. 37 CFR 1.492(a)(1), (2), (3) and (4) (filing fees)
2. 37 CFR 1.492(b), (c) and (d) (presentation of extra claims)
3. 37 CFR 1.17 (application processing fees)
4. 37 CFR 1.492(e) and (f) (surcharge fee for filing declaration and/or filing an English translation of an International Application later than 30 months after the priority date)

This application and items attached are being transmitted before the 30 month claimed priority date.

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**Title** : **PRODUCTION OF POROUS ARTICLES**

The following documents are submitted for the above-identified invention for entry into the U.S. National stage under 35 U.S.C. §371, based on the International Application No. PCT/GB97/02705, which includes the following:

1. Four (4) pages of Transmittal Letter to the United States Elected Office (EO/US);
2. Calculation sheet, in duplicate
3. International Publication No. WO 98/15505
4. Written Opinion dated August 6, 1998, and Response thereto, dated December 15, 1998.
5. Notification from IPEA dated December 9, 1998
6. Preliminary Examination Report dated February 15, 1999.
7. A FIRST preliminary amendment, and attached Claims and Abstract.
8. Information Disclosure Statement, PTO form 1449 and references cited therein.
9. Return Receipt Post Card

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I hereby certify that the above-identified documents are being deposited with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service under 37 CFR 1.10 on the date indicated above and is addressed to BOX PCT, Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231, Attention RO/EO/US

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